

I was appalled to hear about the NAB's petition 04-160 seeking to stop XM Satellite Radio from broadcasting traffic and weather. Before I subscribed to XM Radio, I was very dissapointed with the selection and quality of radio stations in my area. Each station seemed more worried about putting down their competition than they were about providing quality entertainment. Then I found XM and I have finally discovered the way radio should be. They provide unparalleled variety and quality. Part of this variety should be the right to keep subscribers up to date with traffic and weather. This situation reminds me of the cable TV industry trying to keep satellite TV providers from broadcasting the local television stations. That was overruled and this should be as well. It is the traditional radio industry's fear of a new, and in my opinion better, technology that has spurred them to try to keep XM from providing this information. We cannot allow this to happen. Thank You, Tom Sangster